



Probuc Club of Glen Osmond Newsletter 478 4th December 2023

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From the President

The festive season is upon us wherein we celebrate Christmas and the New Year with family and friends. The magnitude of our Christmas celebrations is enormous as formally there are 2.6 billion nominal Christians who will celebrate globally. This is almost one third of the world population of 8.1 billion.

This year has been an enjoyable one for our Probuc club given the high attendances at our monthly meetings, the fascinating talks, and a range of other enjoyable activities and excursions. Our finally activity for 2023 is the Christmas Lunch at the Caledonian Hotel on Monday 11th of December.

All of this is very dependent on our diligent operating committee who enjoy a great camaraderie. However, some members now wish to retire after putting in years of insightful work. We shall need a new secretary, a new coordinator of speakers, and a new vice president who will go on to be president in 2025. (Christine Lincoln is the new president for 2024.) Serving on the committee is an enjoyable and friendly activity and it is particularly important that we gain volunteers for the three positions mentioned. In recent years, a number of Probuc branches have ceased to function because they have been unable to form an operating committee; most certainly something which we do not wish to happen to the Glen Osmond Probuc Club. Accordingly, I appeal to members to consider joining the committee.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Lunch and our first 2024 meeting in February.
Steve Lincoln

Next Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held 10.00am at the Beaumont Bowling Club on Monday 5th February 2024. There will be a Committee Meeting at 9.00am prior to the General Meeting.

*Please direct any **apologies to Attendance Officer Helen Johnston** on 0428 897 654.*

Speaker: Marianna Boorman Volunteer for Whale and Dolphin Conservation (WDC)

Topic: "The Port River Dolphins"

Members Profile: to be determined

Morning Tea: Andrea Bown Bet Read

Happy Birthday to our members who celebrate a birthday during December.



Heather Bey
Geoff Bowels
Betty Hele
Delia Kennett
Tom Pearce
Ken Watson
Beverley Webber

Activities

Monday December 11th 2023

Our last function for the year is the Christmas lunch to be held on Monday 11th December at the **Caledonian Hotel, 215 O'Connell Street, North Adelaide** at 12.30pm. We have used this restaurant before and enjoyed the food and their facilities so look forward to this celebration together.

Kaye Leaker

SA Concessions Energy Discount Offer (SACEDO)

Summary by Brian Rice

The SA Concessions Energy Discount Offer is available to senior South Australians from the South Australian Government, if they hold a concession card such as a Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Card or an Australian Government Pension Card.

It took me days to discover that the SA Concessions Energy Discount Offer (SACEDO), which is ONLY available via Origin Energy, provides 17% off **BOTH** the electricity **RATES** and the **SUPPLY CHARGE** and 11% off BOTH the gas usage and the supply charge.

It is possible to compare a concession plan with other plans, once you know what Origin Energy calls their SACEDO discounted plans. It took me days to discover which of the multitude of Origin Energy's plans (**fifty-nine** at last count) have a concession available.

Be warned, many of the other provider's plans use terms such as "Residential Seniors" and "Simply Seniors" etc, but have nothing to do with SACEDO, or can match the SACEDO discount.

The bottom line is that a significant discount to "normal plans" is available if you are eligible.

In my case, I was able to save about \$650pa on my total energy bills and \$120pa on my Internet bills.

Downloadable versions of my very quick PowerPoint talk to the Probus Club on Monday 4th December 2023 are available via this link.

https://probussouthpacific.org/microsites/glenosmond/Outings_and_Activities

The actual PowerPoint talk is the file;

[SACEDO GOPC Talk by Brian Rice 20231204.pdf](#)

The detailed steps to do the research yourself are in the file;

[SA Concessions Energy Discount Offer.pdf](#)